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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during April was 136 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 8 points (6 percent) from last month and up 14 points (11 percent) from April 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 135, was up 8 points (6 percent) from March and up 19 points (16 percent) from April 2009. Compared to last month, prices for all livestock were up with the exception of sheep and lambs. Compared to last year, prices were up for all livestock. Cow prices averaged \$60.00 per hundredweight, up \$4.10 from March and up \$12.80 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$110.00 per hundredweight, were up \$5.00 from March and up \$14.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$136.00 per hundredweight, up

\$7.00 from last month and up \$21.00 from last year. Sheep prices, at \$49.00, were down 50 cents from March but \$7.30 above last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$106.00, were down \$5.00 from March but up \$7.00 from last year.

The **All Crops Index**, at 137, was unchanged from March and down 24 points (15 percent) from last April. Hay prices were down from both last month and last year. Alfalfa hay, down \$3.00 from last month and down \$38.00 from last year, came in at \$87.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$78.00 per ton, was down \$2.00 from last month and down \$34.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 138 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for eggs, strawberries, broccoli, and lettuce and higher prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, strawberries, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (7.0 percent) from April 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, decreased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month but increased 12 points (9.5 percent) from April 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, APRIL 2009, MARCH 2010, AND APRIL 15, 2010 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		APR 2009	MAR 2010	APR 15 2010	APR 2009	MAR 2010	APR 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	47.20	55.90	60.00	48.00	53.50	56.90	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	96.00	105.00	110.00	88.30	95.60	101.00	—
Calves	100#	115.00	129.00	136.00	109.00	115.00	121.00	35
Sheep	100#	41.70	49.50	49.00	34.70	51.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	111.00	111.00	106.00	101.00	115.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.85	3.55	3.51	39
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.37	2.28	2.04	34
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.65	2.68	2.35	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	5.26	4.45	4.33	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	2/	31.50	29.50	31.30	45
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	125.00	90.00	87.00	131.00	111.00	113.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	112.00	80.00	78.00	114.00	98.60	99.30	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales.								
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		APR 2009	MAR 2010	APR 15 2010	APR 2009	MAR 2010	APR 15 2010	
All Commodities		122	128	136	129	140	138	
All Crops		161	137	137	150	153	150	
All Livestock and Products		116	127	135	112	128	127	

WYOMING LIVESTOCK CASH RECEIPTS SLIGHTLY UP

Wyoming stock growers received \$701.0 million in cash receipts from cattle, sheep, and hog sales during 2009. This is up slightly from the previous year's \$692.1 million.

Cattle and calf cash receipts, at \$614.2 million, accounted for 88 percent of Wyoming's total livestock receipts. Total cattle receipts were up 3 percent from 2008. The average price for calves marketed in 2009 remained steady at \$110.00 per 100 pounds of live weight (cwt.), while steer & heifer marketing year averages dropped \$10.30 per cwt to \$92.70 per cwt. Total pounds marketed were up 12 percent for the year, but calf death loss in 2009 was up 26 percent from 2008 to 39,000 head.

Hog and pig gross income in 2009 totaled \$51.2 million, down 17 percent from the previous year, with total pounds marketed down 10 percent in comparison to those in 2008. The market year average price decreased \$3.90 to \$38.30 per cwt in 2009. The 2009 inventory on December 1 also declined to 87,000 head, 2 percent smaller than in 2008.

Cash receipts for **sheep and lambs** marketed in 2009 totaled \$36.0 million, up 11 percent from 2008. The pounds of sheep and lambs marketed also increased by 11 percent to 42.3 million pounds. The average price for lambs marketed was down \$4 per cwt. to \$100.00. However, sheep prices increased \$9.30 to \$32.80 per cwt. The total January 1 inventory was down 11 percent from 2009.

UNITED STATES: Total 2009 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$59.0 billion, down 10 percent from 2008. Gross income decreased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves decreased 10 percent, hogs and pigs also decreased 10 percent, while sheep and lambs decreased 3 percent.

Total 2009 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals decreased 10 percent to \$58.6 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 75 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 24 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs.

Cash receipts from marketings of **cattle and calves** decreased 10 percent from \$48.5 billion in 2008 to \$43.8 in 2009. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.1 billion pounds in 2009, down 1 percent from 2008.

Cash receipts from **hogs and pigs** totaled \$14.4 billion during 2009, down 10 percent from 2008. Marketings totaled 32.7 billion pounds in 2009, up slightly from 2008.

Cash receipts from marketings of **sheep and lambs** in 2009 were \$436 million, down 3 percent from 2008. Marketings decreased 6 percent to 494 million pounds.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, WYOMING 2008-09

Year	Production 1/	Marketings 2/	Average Price per 100 lbs.		Value of Production	Cash Receipts 3/	Gross Income
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars			1,000 Dollars	
Cattle and Calves			(Cattle)	(Calves)			
2008	495,217	640,660	91.20	110.00	462,999	598,510	607,317
2009	467,134	717,780	82.60	110.00	399,522	614,225	622,860
Sheep and Lambs			(Sheep)	(Lambs)			
2008	36,535	38,201	23.50	104.00	31,170	32,497	32,888
2009	36,681	42,280	32.80	100.00	32,119	35,989	36,363
Hogs and Pigs							
2008	136,424	136,787	42.20		60,704	61,110	61,617
2009	122,787	123,484	38.30		50,231	50,741	51,190
Total Meat Animals							
2008	668,176	815,648			554,873	692,117	701,822
2009	626,602	883,544			481,872	700,955	710,413

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.54 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 469,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 29 percent above 2009.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, MAY 1, 2009-10 1/

State	On Feed Apr 1, 2010	Place- ments Apr 2010	Market- ings Apr 2010	Other Disapp. Apr 2010	On Feed May 1, 2010	On Feed May 1, 2009
Thousand Head						
CO	930	170	145	15	940	1,010
KS	2,240	315	405	20	2,130	2,180
NE	2,290	400	435	15	2,240	2,270
TX	2,640	400	510	20	2,510	2,680
Oth Sts.	2,667*	344	359	194	2,633	2,682
U.S.	10,767*	1,629	1,854	89	10,453	10,822

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

* Revised

WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 80 PERCENT OF LAST APRIL

Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during March 2010 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was 100,000 pounds less than last month's production, and 20 percent less than March 2009 production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during March, unchanged from a year ago. Total live weight was 620,000 pounds, down 15.6 percent from the previous March. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,100 pounds, down 90 pounds from March 2009.

A total of 400 **commercial hogs** were processed, up 100 head from March of last year. Total live weight, at 99,000 pounds, was up 32.0 percent from March 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 257 pounds, down 16 pounds from the previous March.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in March, unchanged from March 2009. Total live weight came in at 13,000 pounds, up 1,000 pounds from a year ago. The average live weight, at 122 pounds, was down 15 pounds compared to the same month in 2009.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in March, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 7 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 11 percent from March 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 262,300 head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2010 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER MARCH 2009 AND 2010, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	March 2009	March 2010	March 2009	March 2010	10/09	March 2009	March 2010	March 2009	March 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	600	600	735	620	84.4	2,729,500	2,912,700	3,548,711	3,693,228	104.1
Hogs	300	400	75	99	132.0	9,656,900	10,030,500	2,623,944	2,723,773	103.8
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	12	13	108.3	221,400	262,300	31,734	35,254	111.1

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WYOMING HAY STOCKS UP 74 PERCENT

Hay stocks on Wyoming farms and ranches totaled 400,000 tons as of May 1, 2010, up 74 percent from the same time last year and 67 percent from 2 years earlier. Hay disappearance from December 1, 2009 - May 1, 2010, totaled 1.64 million tons, up 26 percent from the same period last year.

UNITED STATES: All hay stored on farms May 1, 2010 totaled 20.9 million tons, down 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2009-May 1, 2010 totaled 86.3 million tons, compared with 81.6 million tons for the same period a year ago

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 4 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White.

WINTER WHEAT, 2009 AND MAY 1, 2010 FORECAST, SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1/							
State	Acres Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	% 2010/2009
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
Colorado	2,450	2,300	40.0	38.0	98,000	87,400	89
Idaho	700	740	81.0	85.0	56,700	62,900	111
Kansas	8,800	8,200	42.0	42.0	369,600	344,400	93
Montana	2,420	1,900	37.0	40.0	89,540	76,000	85
Nebraska	1,600	1,500	48.0	46.0	76,800	69,000	90
Oklahoma	3,500	3,900	22.0	33.0	77,000	128,700	167
South Dakota	1,530	1,180	42.0	49.0	64,260	57,820	90
Texas	2,450	3,500	25.0	35.0	61,250	122,500	200
Washington	1,640	1,710	59.0	61.0	96,760	104,310	108
UNITED STATES	34,485	31,786	44.2	45.9	1,522,718	1,458,350	96

1/ Wyoming May 1 wheat forecast is not published separately but is included in the U.S. total.